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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1745**



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hisao YASUHARA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1745

Application No.: 09/865,468

Examiner: G. Cantelmo

Filed: May 29, 2001

Docket No.: 109375

For: METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR PRETREATMENT OF METAL SAMPLES

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the May 24, 2004 Office Action, the following is submitted:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.